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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices in the major terminal markets were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Retail and food service demand was light to good, best for fast food service. Supplies were usually sufficient. However, in the East smaller sizes were in good balance to well cleared, but heavier weights were at least fully sufficient. In the parts structure, trading was light to moderate. Dark meat was in good balance to well cleared. White meat items were at least adequate, with wings reported as adequate to spot availability. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at desirable to heavy, mostly desirable weights.

**Final Report** of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook ice-packed broiler/fryers (includes branded product) to be delivered to first receivers at major market centers week of 23-MAY-2005.

(cents per lb)		US GRADE A		COMPOSITE	
AREAS	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Boston/New England	TFEWR		:	69.47	21
Chicago	66.00-69.00	68.81	39 :	70.59	71
Ohio Cities	TFEWR		:	68.50	27
Denver	79.50	79.50	14 :	79.59	17
Detroit	68.00-70.00	69.69	13 :	71.79	55
Los Angeles	80.00	79.63	62 :	76.50	140
New York	71.00-73.00	71.29	24 :	71.34	61
Philadelphia	69.50-71.00	70.46	13 :	69.50	25
Pittsburgh	69.00-72.00	70.92	12 :	72.91	58
St. Louis	68.25	68.05	20 :	68.97	35
San Francisco	80.50	80.65	34 :	81.51	67

### Composite Weighted Average

Loads	05/23/05	Change/Last Wk	05/16/05	05/24/04
577	73.20	1.06	72.14	81.77

**WOG BROILERS** (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	Majority	Wtd Avg	Loads
Eastern	73.00-74.00	73.62	32
Central	64.00-76.50	72.35	76
Western	73.00-81.00	76.52	43

### Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	73.00-76.00	73.77	87
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**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 74.25 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,143	66.00-76.18	73.18

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUND)
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LINE RUN TENDERS	176.50	1,458
BREASTS - B/S	145.50	5,990
BREASTS - WHOLE	83.50	1,512
THIGH MEAT - B/S	101.50	1,099
LEG QUARTERS	38.50	7,709
WINGS	84.50	3,068

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**NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER** Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was fair to moderate entering the week. Offerings of 3 pound and lighter sizes were in good balance to well cleared; heavier sizes were adequate to at least adequate. Movement through retail and distributive channels was moderate. The market tone was at least steady on the 3 pound and lighter weights; no better than steady on the heavier sizes. In the parts complex, dark meat cuts were in close balance to tight. Breast items were at least adequate to fully adequate. Wings were at least adequate.

**SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand was fair to moderate with trading mixed. Supplies were sufficient for most trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was fair to moderate. Dark meat was balanced to well cleared and continued to move well, aided by export business. Wings were occasionally available, and white meat items were at least adequate. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Final majority prices unchanged throughout the region. Trading reported for this week deliveries at generally unchanged prices on regular commitments and mixed on new negotiations. Offerings were adequate with sized product confidently held. Buying activity on whole body product decreased but increased for parts. Retailer demand was moderate to good. Dealers reported satisfactory weekend clearances. The market tone was firm on dark meat and barely steady on white meat items. Trading reported on parts for delivery this week: leg quarters bulk 40-44.5 and 4/10s 42-48, boneless thigh meat mainly 107, boneless leg meat 100-101, wings 81-92, breast bone-in 92-101 and boneless 126-137. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was 73.39 up 1.50 with the volume reported up 4 percent to 28 loads.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER** Final majority prices generally unchanged from last Monday's final; Ohio cities TFEWR. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady. Trade interest was light on limited offerings. Retail demand was light to moderate, while food service was light to good; best into fast food and some catering channels. Floor stocks adequate; weights mostly desirable. Offerings of dark meat cuts were limited, breast items available to occasionally ample. The market tone was fully steady to firm on dark meat, barely steady to weak on tenders, and cautiously steady on balance of parts.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fair to moderate for post-weekend fill-in needs with buyer interest generally centered on tight supplies of the 2.50 pound and in some instances the closely cleared 3.00 pound size. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights were desirable to heavy. Processor schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged a 71 to 83 cents. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. In the parts complex, breast items were fully adequate. Leg items were adequate and in generally good balance. Wings were adequate to ample.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

### BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	62-86
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	75.19
NO. OF BOXES	5,849

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** Trucklot buying activity was fair to moderate entering the week as dealers noted fair to fairly good weekend clearances. Offerings of boneless skinless breasts were fully adequate; bone-in breasts were at least sufficient for current needs. Leg quarters, drums and thighs were closely cleared. Wings remained least adequate. Retail and distributive movement was moderate. The market tone was fully steady on dark meat cuts. Breast items were steady to barely steady. Wings were generally steady. ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	NEGOTIATED	CURRENT TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S		140	137.91	600,760
TENDERLOINS		130	128.05	131,720
BREAST - WITH RIBS		82-83	90.60	114,800
BREAST - LINE RUN		82	79.18	211,400
LEGS		52-53	56.30	147,000
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)		40-41	39.33	273,600
DRUMSTICKS		44-45	47.78	155,760
THIGHS		46-47	53.81	89,000
B/S THIGHS		104-105	100.48	133,400
WINGS (WHOLE)		82-83	87.36	148,400
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)		10-12	11.34	12,680
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)		35-40	31.78	17,960
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)		45-50	49.41	20,200

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

\* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

**ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS** F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WT. AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,340	120.00-199.00	126-141	140.73
TENDERLOINS	328	120.00-207.00	-	135.00
BREAST - WITH RIBS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	1,242	35.00-37.00	35-36	35.62
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,688	38.00-39.00	-	38.62
WINGS (WHOLE)	530	67.00-90.00	75-79	77.61
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS	1,245	42.00-46.00	45-46	45.70

#### ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	Estimate (1,000)	Actual (1,000)	Avg Wts 05/19	Actual (1,000)	Avg Wts 05/16
	05/23	05/19	05/19	05/16	05/12
Alabama	4,059	3,973	5.12	3,971	5.11
Arkansas	5,512	5,138	5.12	5,105	5.00
Delmarva	2,247	2,277	5.52	2,301	5.48
KY-LA-TN	2,259	2,287	4.93	2,275	4.97
Mississippi	3,085	3,056	5.56	3,071	5.61
North Carolina	2,570	2,439	6.34	2,477	6.49
Texas	2,470	2,485	5.23	2,527	5.20
Total	22,202	21,655	5.35	21,727	5.34
Mon	22,202(A)			21,727(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 23-May 2005 is estimated to be 33,217,000 up 1.88 percent from a week ago, and up 4.1 percent from a year ago.

(last week 32,604,000 last year 31,920,000)

**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS** F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	705	126.50-199.00	-	135.12
TENDERLOINS	203	126.00-173.00	129-132	131.50
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	527	35.00-40.00	38	37.86
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,021	36.00-42.00	39-40	39.66
WINGS (WHOLE)	300	71.00-85.00	78-81	79.70
WINGS (CUT)	448	88.00-102.00	95-99	97.14
DRUMSTICKS	68	50.00-56.00	-	55.29
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS	80	104.00-110.00	-	105.50

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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR MAY 23, 2005 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
53.00 - 59.50	56.18	56.82

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER** ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 23-MAY-2005 TO 27-MAY-2005 CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	121.00 - 143.50	131.00 - 141.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	80.00 - 101.50	84.00 - 90.00
LEGS	54.00 - 59.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	38.00 - 44.00	38.00 - 39.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	40.00 - 48.00	40.00 - 42.00
DRUMSTICKS	44.00 - 54.00	-
THIGHS	44.00 - 46.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	70.00 - 89.00	84.00 - 86.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 23.00	-
LIVERS	30.00 - 39.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00 - 50.00	-

#### **SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	86.75-98.75
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	90.25-102.25

FROZEN HENS 5# & UP

FROZEN DUCKS

FROZEN SQUABS

#### **DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)**

FRESH FRYERS	97-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP	99-107
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	65-73

DUCKS

RABBITS-WHOLE

RABBITS-CUT UP

#### **SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY**

#### **DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	108
ICE PACK	105-107
ROASTERS 4# & UP	111
ICE PACK	108-111
HENS OVER 5#	89-95
ICE PACK	89-93
DUCKS	180-192

**EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN**

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

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**CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED** — PRICES — VOLUME —  
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	20.50	21.00-26.00	540,000	260,000
WTD AVERAGE	20.50	22.71		
15-20%				
RANGE	23.50-29.00	22.00-24.00	1,537,000	897,000
WTD AVERAGE	25.62	22.50		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	21.00	80,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		21.00		

\* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

**CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN**

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

MAY 20, 2005

**CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED** — PRICES — VOLUME —  
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	26.00	61,200	-
WTD AVERAGE		26.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	25.00-29.00	14.00-26.00	1,670,800	162,400
WTD AVERAGE	27.00	21.05		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

\* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN** Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was mostly moderate for the at least adequate offerings. Processing schedules were noted as mostly normal. Sales of finished product were generally sufficient for current needs. The undertone was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 23-MAY-05

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9.5-15.75	11.75-13.5	12.92
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Trading levels were generally unchanged compared to the past week. Offerings were limited but adequate for needs. Schedules were normal to instances reduced. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was generally steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 23-MAY-05

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9-15.75	11.5-13.25	12.48

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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